facilities of Speed Post are available at present; and

(b) what are the details of plans for 1991-95 for extending such facility to remaining cities in the above States particularly during 1991-92?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The speed post facilities are available in the following cities/towns in Rajasthan and Orissa:

RAJASTHAN

(i) *Under National Network as well as point to point speed post service*

JAIPUR

(ii) *Under point to point speedpost service.*

1. Ajmer
2. Jodhpur
3. Pali
4. Bikaner
5. Kota
6. Udaipur

ORISSA

(i) *Under National Network as well as point to point Speed post service*

1. Bhubaneshwar
2. Cuttuck

(ii) *Under point to point Speed post Service*

1. Rourkela
2. Baripada
3. Balasore
4. Puri
5. Sambalpur
6. Paradeep (Port)
7. Berhampur
8. Balangir

(b) There is no plan at preesnt for 1991-95 and particularly during 1991-92 for extending speed post facilifty to remaining cities of Rajasthan and Orissa.

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2325. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is af act that at his Press-Conference at Chandigarh on 30th November, 1991, he had announced a provision of Rs. 40,000/- crores for the Telecommunication Department during the Eighth Plan for improving telecom services in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details of the funds proposed to be provided by borrowings, internal generation and other sources;

(c) whether Rajasthan's demand for providing each Panchayat with STD facility by the years 1992-95 is likely to bet met; and

(d) the allocation made during the current financial year as well as during the Eighth Plan period for expansion of telecommunications network in the State particularly in the rural areas?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) and (b) The draft 8th Plan proposals of the Department of Telecommunications envisage an outlay of Rs. 40,555 crores for the expansion and improvement of the telecommunications services. The proposal envisages internal resources to the extent of nearly 75 per cent and the remainder nearly 25 per cent to be borrowed from the market.

(c) Yes, Sir, by March, 1995.

(d) The Budgetary estimate for 1991-92 provides for an outlay of Rs. 34.14 crores for Rajasthan Telecom Circle for development of the telecommunications services including the Rural Areas. Depending upon the approved plan outlay allocation is made to the respective units on year to year basis.

देश में संचार प्रणाली का विस्तार

2326. श्री रजनी रंजन साहू : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या इक्कीसवीं सदी में संचार प्रणाली के महत्व को मद्दे नजर रखते